

MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - MARCH, 1962

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POPULATION

Whole State: Estimated population at 31st December, 1961 - Metropolitan: at 31.12.1961
 Males - 380,420 Females - 365,749 Persons - 746,169 Persons - 425,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	FEBRUARY				Two Months ended FEBRUARY			
	1962		1961		1962		1961	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	448	7.81	476	8.48	1,044	8.65	1,055	8.92
Births	1,335	23.27	1,469	26.16	2,851	23.62	2,891	24.44
Deaths	516	9.00	474	8.44	1,080	8.94	934	7.90
Infant Mortality (b)	34	25.47	26	17.70	70	24.54	51	17.64

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births.
 (b) Deaths under one year.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEAS)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,860	4,200	32,079	36,541	10,203	7,874	100,945	109,602
Interstate	6,065	8,108	72,757	74,877	1,820	4,495	27,555	28,261
Total:	10,925	12,308	104,836	111,418	12,023	12,369	128,500	137,863

LAND SETTLEMENT

Crown Land Transactions	MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
acres	acres	acres	acres	acres
Land Conditionally Alienated Pastoral, Special and Miscellaneous Leases Issued by Lands Department	10,311	43,838	119,130	110,858
	5,314,093	3,255,469	6,729,795	3,484,507

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£	£	£	£
Revenue	6,221,980	5,384,926	55,709,389	46,494,816
Revenue per Head of Population	8.3	7.3	75.0	63.9
Expenditure	6,542,638	6,079,355	56,283,222	52,344,495
Expenditure per Head of Population	8.7	8.3	75.8	71.9

SAVINGS BANKS

Due to Depositors	At the end of MARCH		
	1962	1961	1960
	£	£	£
Total Balances	86,863,748	79,432,117	76,097,759
Per Head of Population	115.82	108.35	105.81

TRADING BANKS

Year	Average Weekly Clearings				
	October	November	December	January	February
1962	£	£	£	£	£
	-	-	-	25,932,347	26,487,438
1961	24,614,595	23,763,950	26,855,385	25,547,075	22,660,012
1960	23,826,722	23,976,291	25,473,597	21,434,932	22,047,689

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Transfers	No.	2,155	1,718	15,985
	£.	5,198,306	4,225,257	31,289,099
Mortgages	No.	1,724	1,296	12,504
	£.	4,520,318	2,906,006	27,741,990
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,379	1,115	9,844

SALE OF GOODS AND SALES TAX COLLECTED

Item	Period of Receipt of Return			
	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Sales Exempt from Tax	13,401	12,763	108,492	113,637
Net Taxable Sales	4,856	4,664	45,860	44,919
Tax Collected	624	795	6,663	7,321

COMPANIES REGISTERED

Type of Company	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Local	No.	37	22	274
Nominal Capital	£.	1,879,700	1,885,000	21,217,700
Foreign	No.	23	12	149
				301
				20,247,000
				123

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Nine Months ended MARCH					
	1962			1961		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
Sequestration Orders	105	203,228	72,973	99	224,739	75,780
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	73	462,526	334,249	60	225,155	171,456

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

Operations of the State Government Railways including Railway Road Service

Item	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Gross Earnings £.	1,440,300	1,324,700	11,427,500	10,468,650
Operating Expenses £.	1,200,997	1,187,110	10,422,120	10,250,263
Train Miles Run No.	635,310	612,203	5,275,727	5,078,858
Motor Bus Miles No.	(a) 124,876	(b) 118,458	(c) 886,611	(d) 889,598
<u>Passenger Journeys</u> -				
Train No.	1,143,041	1,230,566	8,048,302	8,617,130
Motor Bus No.	19,951	20,855	171,531	180,474
<u>Tonnage Carried</u> -				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	457,065	397,608	3,325,106	2,878,329
Free (Departmental)	45,202	40,457	394,558	345,436
Livestock	8,432	8,929	91,811	104,765
Total:	510,699	446,994	3,811,475	3,328,530
<u>Net Ton Milage of</u> -				
Goods (excl. Livestock) -				
Paying	71,871,481	62,730,470	509,933,957	446,350,685
Free (Departmental)	4,335,196	3,316,390	42,221,435	34,441,548
Livestock	987,130	1,057,424	12,882,905	14,514,665
Total:	77,193,807	67,104,284	565,038,297	495,306,898

(a) Four weeks ended 27th January. (c) Period 1st July to 27th January.
(b) Four weeks ended 28th January. (d) Period 1st July to 28th January.

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Quantity	Fine oz.	67,359	68,349	137,046
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,052,491	1,067,949	2,141,343
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	150,000	225,000	150,000
				241,800

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1960	8,172	1,774	2,403	27	1,053	12,713	2,951	5,655	66	1,470
1961	6,947	1,871	2,221	30	591	10,670	3,228	5,104	70	903
<u>1961 -</u>										
February	523	170	183	1	62	762	255	369	10	94
March	718	231	198	-	65	1,028	357	414	4	99
April	541	140	204	-	41	810	230	418	4	61
May	536	141	190	2	53	867	240	414	5	77
June	459	138	182	4	44	799	251	426	5	69
July	490	139	181	6	34	753	238	408	8	56
August	678	152	183	4	49	996	268	459	6	72
September	703	151	211	4	38	1,027	255	456	12	63
October	644	172	189	1	37	989	316	469	3	54
November	655	155	190	4	51	1,031	290	497	5	71
December	591	176	187	4	50	1,001	335	447	6	84
<u>1962 -</u>										
January	635	166	158	-	75	979	290	390	4	94
February	759	172	246	4	63	1,105	302	486	17	92

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1958 -</u>								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959 -</u>								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
<u>1960 -</u>								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
December	86,582	26,507	561	9,068	134,220	70,320	1,220	13,097
<u>1961 -</u>								
June	89,189	26,699	565	8,703	138,187	70,908	1,237	12,689
December	93,110	27,135	576	8,486	143,827	71,934	1,264	12,244
<u>1962 -</u>								
January	94,350	27,325	576	8,530	143,365	70,646	1,154	12,004
February	94,838	27,343	575	8,489	144,999	71,482	1,265	12,096

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

PROJECTED BUILDING ACTIVITY
BUILDING PERMITS AND APPROVALS

Period	Houses and Flats				Other New Buildings			Total, including Additions & Alterations				
	Private	Govt.	Total	No.	£'000	Private	Govt.	Total	Private	Govt.	Total	£'000
1959-60	5,218	1,229	6,447	18,454	6,626	6,686	13,312	24,632	10,033	34,665		
1960-61	4,791	1,327	6,118	18,860	6,566	7,531	14,097	24,924	11,143	36,067		
<u>1961:</u>												
March	334	73	407	1,220	799	750	1,549	2,096	900	2,996		
April	374	66	440	1,344	392	471	863	1,800	642	2,442		
May	385	113	498	1,531	539	763	1,302	2,094	1,034	3,128		
June	423	212	635	1,868	288	1,133	1,421	1,854	1,754	3,608		
July	362	143	505	1,594	815	540	1,355	2,262	952	3,214		
August	493	65	558	1,702	715	703	1,418	2,509	900	3,409		
September	395	159	554	1,795	285	1,797	2,082	1,876	2,269	4,145		
October	434	185	619	1,940	593	1,216	1,809	2,279	1,788	4,067		
November	480	204	684	2,181	373	286	659	2,217	943	3,160		
December	327	245	572	1,770	435	931	1,366	1,764	1,609	3,373		
<u>1962:</u>												
January	304	122	426	1,369	255	334	589	1,432	771	2,203		
February	461	199	660	2,015	373	279	652	2,045	884	2,929		
March	468	254	722	2,177	472	615	1,087	2,199	1,346	3,545		

BUILDING OPERATIONS

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960	1,103	3,013	5,363	16,859	161	2,224	814	11,797	7,441	33,893
1961	1,075	2,963	5,258	17,272	126	1,744	858	10,965	7,317	32,944
<u>1961 -</u>										
March Qr.	284	781	1,220	3,910	32	224	203	3,564	1,739	8,479
June Qr.	215	577	1,315	4,346	32	534	228	2,675	1,790	8,132
Sept. Qr.	202	611	1,356	4,324	39	590	181	1,609	1,778	7,134
Dec. Qr.	374	994	1,367	4,692	23	396	246	3,117	2,010	9,199

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residential excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(Includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified according to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960	4,582	14,972	21	60	1,573	3,911	5	7	6,181	18,950
1961	4,287	14,834	15	32	1,459	3,820	103	82	5,864	18,768
<u>1961 -</u>										
March Qr.	985	3,445	1	1	336	840	2	3	1,324	4,289
June Qr.	1,044	3,574	3	3	344	957	18	11	1,409	4,545
Sept. Qr.	1,094	3,798	5	16	333	892	79	65	1,511	4,771
Dec. Qr.	1,164	4,017	6	12	446	1,131	4	3	1,620	5,163

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
PERTH METROPOLITAN AREA

(Base of Each Index Series: Year 1952-53 = 100)

Period	Group Index Numbers					Com- bined Index (All Groups)
	Food	Clothing and Drapery	Housing	Household Supplies and Equipment	Mis- cellan- eous	
Year ended June:						
1957	116.0	103.1	123.6	104.5	117.0	112.9
1958	114.4	105.7	126.0	105.7	118.3	113.6
1959	115.2	107.2	130.3	105.9	118.7	114.7
1960	118.4	108.2	133.5	107.1	120.9	116.9
1961	124.4	110.8	141.7	107.3	125.2	121.2
Quarters:						
1961 - March	125.3	110.9	143.5	107.4	125.8	121.9
June	126.4	111.6	144.8	107.0	125.6	122.4
September	123.8	111.6	145.1	107.5	125.7	121.7
December	122.5	111.9	145.5	107.4	125.5	121.3
1962 - March	123.4	111.8	147.1	107.1	124.9	121.5

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private
Domestics and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December,
1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1960:</u>				<u>1961 (cont.):</u>			
March	141.8	48.9	190.7	March	142.9	50.4	193.3
April	141.4	48.9	190.3	April	143.1	50.5	193.6
May	141.5	49.4	190.9	May	142.7	50.3	193.0
June	141.7	49.2	190.9	June	142.1	49.7	191.8
July	141.9	49.3	191.2	July	141.9	49.7	191.6
August	142.7	49.8	192.5	August	142.8	49.7	192.5
September	143.1	50.2	193.3	September	143.5	49.9	193.4
October	143.2	50.4	193.6	October	142.9	50.2	193.1
November	143.7	50.6	194.3	November	143.8	50.8	194.6
December	143.5	51.1	194.6	December	143.4	50.5	193.9
<u>1961:</u>				<u>1962:</u>			
January	142.7	50.0	192.7	January	144.2	50.3	194.5
February	143.2	50.4	193.6	February	144.9	50.8	195.7

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
January	241	232	231	229	234	241	242
February	241	235	233	231	237	241	244
March	240	236	234	233	238	239	
April	239	234	233	233	237	239	
May	238	234	230	232	238	237	
June	235	231	228	229	237	234	
July	231	229	229	231	237	233	
August	230	229	229	232	239	236	
September	233	232	230	233	241	238	
October	233	232	232	234	241	239	
November	233	233	231	235	242	240	
December	232	232	231	235	240	240	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1960 are subject to revision.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
30/10/61	14. 18. 9	11. 4. 1	14. 17. 3	11. 2. 11	14. 11. 6	10. 18. 8			

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
February, 1962	13,778	1,551	117,416	55,054	16,804
February, 1961	11,686	1,391	132,648	44,158	12,753
8 Months ended February, 1962	136,864	11,519	986,669	799,157	171,695
8 Months ended February, 1961	124,441	11,477	1,187,976	758,625	129,765

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
February, 1962	2,757	67	2,239	788	829
February, 1961	2,366	61	2,521	635	678
8 Months ended February, 1962	29,144	543	19,264	11,566	8,820
8 Months ended February, 1961	26,617	538	22,928	10,902	7,084

(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (a)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents (a)		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
1960	7,180	9,559	2,598	3,713	9,778	13,272	94	199	3,289	4,862
1961	4,221	6,111	2,391	3,528	6,612	9,639	79	172	3,110	4,779
<u>1961</u> - 2 Months ended February	607	884	371	543	978	1,427	12	22	495	758
<u>1962</u> - 2 Months ended February	678	974	404	592	1,082	1,566	12	38	510	788
<u>1962</u> - January	338	505	187	292	525	797	6	26	239	395
February	340	469	217	300	557	769	6	12	271	393

(a) Non-casualty accidents prior to 1961 exclude those where estimated damage was £10 or less: from January, 1961 they exclude those where estimated damage was £25 or less.

AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognised season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1961												1962		
		Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
		s. d.	s. d.													
FRUIT																
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	29. 8	18. 1	13. 9	12. 4	12.10	13. 7	17. 6	20. 4	33. 3	34. 2	27. 2	26. 0	20. 1		
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	34. 1	28. 8	30. 8	38.10	39. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
- Val.	bush.	28. 2	25. 3	25. 2	-	-	31. 1	32. 0	28.11	29. 8	31.11	35. 4	31. 0	30.11		
Bananas - Local	lb.	-	-	-	1. 3	1. 3	1. 0	1. 1	1. 0	9	1. 1	10	9	10		
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	14. 5	14.11	14. 4	14.10	16. 3	15. 8	17. 4	21. 3	34. 3	45.10	-	-	20. 6		
- Other	bush.	18.10	20. 6	21. 2	18.11	18. 9	23. 1	26. 7	28. 2	33. 9	39. 5	30. 3	27. 7	25. 2		
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 6	15. 7	18. 1	21. 5	19. 8	19. 2	-	-	-	-	30. 0	31. 5	39. 1	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 6	29. 0	25. 4	
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4	30. 2	29.10	34.11	
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22. 0	29.11	28.10	21. 0	20.10	
Grapes	Open flat cases	27.10	16. 9	22. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 3	22. 7	23. 0	22. 5	
VEGETABLES																
Cabbage	crate	16. 4	11. 2	7. 6	7. 6	7. 8	5. 5	7. 0	5. 8	7.11	6. 6	9. 5	15. 4	10. 4		
Cauliflowers	dozen	20. 2	19. 4	8. 4	12. 0	20.10	14. 3	6. 5	16. 9	15. 5	13. 2	-	18. 0	26. 8		
Lettuce	crate	15. 5	6. 4	8. 8	10.10	14. 0	10. 6	11. 8	16. 4	12. 8	6. 9	14. 8	24. 5	11. 7		
Table Celery	doz. head	10. 5	10. 8	8. 5	9. 7	9. 3	10. 2	8. 1	10. 2	12. 7	9. 4	8. 6	11. 3	12. 0		
Beetroot	cwt.	50.10	21. 3	21. 3	21. 3	30. 6	45. 5	70. 8	51. 4	24. 9	19. 3	27. 8	38. 3	36. 3		
Carrots	cwt.	43. 5	48. 7	50. 2	42. 9	57. 8	63. 6	77. 5	99. 7	38. 9	22. 6	27. 1	36. 0	34. 0		
Parsnips	cwt.	85. 3	98. 0	120. 6	150. 2	159. 6	151. 1	109. 5	65. 8	50. 0	31. 4	41. 1	76. 6	69. 5		
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	11. 0	5.10	5. 0	7. 0	10. 7	12. 1	15. 8	7. 1	5.10	8. 1	10. 3	12.10	7. 3		
Swedes	cwt.	75. 7	62.11	32.11	27. 4	33. 8	24. 4	28.11	35. 4	26. 5	23. 5	28. 1	55.10	46. 4		
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 8	6	7	10	1. 2	1. 1	10	11	1. 6	10	1. 8	1. 8	1. 8		
Peas	lb.	1. 7	1. 5	1. 1	1. 3	1. 5	1. 2	1. 2	11	1. 3	1. 3	1. 6	1. 9	1. 9		
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	5	3	5	5	5	6	6	5	7	9	7	5		
Pumpkin	bag	31. 9	30. 3	23. 7	21. 4	25. 4	35. 7	46. 2	48. 4	43. 3	34. 0	26. 6	22. 1	23.11		
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	34. 2	25. 6	28.11	20. 9	27. 3	17. 8	28. 2	30. 1	31. 6	26. 8	19. 1	27. 6	21. 9		
Onions (a)	ton	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	55. 0.0	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	45. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0	50. 0.0		
Potatoes (c)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants, delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) Onion Pool closed.

(c) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants, F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Note - A price has not been shown where the volume of sales of a particular item was not significant for that month.

Item	1961												1962		
	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
SHEEP	£. s. d.														
Suckers	-	-	-	3. 9. 9	2.13.11	2. 8. 6	2.10. 2	2.14. 2	2.17. 9	3. 6. 2	-	-	-	-	-
Lambs															
In Wool	3.14. 3	3.17. 2	3.19. 9	3.14. 2	3. 0. 1	3. 6. 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	3.10. 2	3. 9. 4	3. 3.11	2.10. 3	2. 9. 4	2. 1.11	2. 7. 6	2.12. 2	2.14. 3	3. 5. 3	3.12. 4	4. 2. 3		
Hoggets															
In Wool	3. 7. 4	-	3.16. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.17. 8	3. 4. 7	3.11.11		
Ewes															
In Wool	2.15. 9	2.16. 7	3. 7. 8	3. 8. 6	3. 9. 2	3. 9. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 0. 3	
Shorn	2. 2. 3	1.18. 6	2. 6. 9	-	2. 6. 7	2. 3. 2	1.19. 2	1.16. 2	1.13.10	2. 3. 3	2. 8. 8	2.12. 0	2.12. 3		
Wethers															
In Wool	3. 4. 6	3. 5. 4	3.18. 2	3.16. 1	3.14. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.16. 5	
Shorn	2. 9. 4	2. 6.10	2.11. 6	2.12. 6	2.12. 1	2. 7. 9	2.10. 1	2. 7. 1	2. 8. 6	2.13.10	2.16. 6	3. 2. 7	3. 2. 9		
CATTLE															
Baby Beef	38.16. 6	40. 9.11	43.19.10	43. 5. 3	39. 7.11	37. 0. 1	35. 3. 8	35.12. 7	35.19. 9	33. 5. 5	33. 6.10	33.17.11	34.17. 8		
Heifers	42. 7.11	44.16. 1	-	47. 0. 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	34.12. 5	36.14. 5	
Cows	55. 6. 3	54. 0. 6	53.18. 8	51. 9. 7	45. 3. 3	41.13. 6	41. 7.11	41. 6. 9	40. 5. 6	41.10. 3	43. 0. 5	40.18. 8	42.18.11		
Steers	55. 7. 6	57. 6. 2	57.13. 5	50. 7.10	50. 3. 1	46.16. 0	46. 3. 2	46. 0. 3	45.14. 2	47. 3. 6	46. 4. 8	45. 9.11	45.15. 4		
Bullocks	-	-	62.12. 8	59.16. 4	50. 2. 7	-	-	53.11. 1	53.18. 6	53.14.11	-	-	-		
PIGS															
Slips	-	-	-	5. 6.11	5.13. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.11. 8	-	
Porkers	9.11.11	9.17.11	10. 0. 1	9.13.11	9. 7.10	8.16. 7	8.11. 0	7.14. 7	8. 7.11	8. 0.11	7. 7. 8	8. 1. 6	8.10. 4		
Baconers	15. 3. 6	15. 8. 5	15. 7. 3	15. 1. 6	15. 2. 0	13. 2.11	12.11.11	11. 9. 4	11. 6. 1	11. 0. 0	11. 3.11	11. 0. 4	12.13. 4		

AVERAGE PRICES OF POULTRY PER LB. (LIVEWEIGHT) - SOLD AT THE METROPOLITAN MARKETS

Turkey Hens	3. 3	2.10	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 2	2.10	-	4. 8	-	-	-	-	-
" Cocks	3. 3	3. 2	2. 9	2. 7	2. 8	2. 8	3. 0	2.10	3. 1	4. 1	-	-	-	3. 4	
Ducks	2. 3	2. 2	2. 3	2. 4	2. 4	2. 3	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 0	2. 3	2. 2	2. 1		
Drakes	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 2	2. 4	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	3. 3	2. 4	2. 1	2. 1		
Geese	1. 9	1. 7	2. 3	1.10	1. 8	2. 2	2. 4	2. 8	2.10	3. 2	2. 8	-	-	-	
Cockerels	3. 1	2. 9	2. 9	2. 7	2. 7	2. 7	2. 9	2. 9	2.10	3. 0	2. 8	2. 8	2.10		
Capon	3. 2	2.10	2.10	2. 9	2. 8	2. 9	2. 9	2. 9	3. 0	3. 2	2. 9	2.10	3. 0		
Hens	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 3	2. 1	2. 0	1.10	1.11	1.10	1. 9	1. 9	2. 0	

RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ment Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ment Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1959-60	30,898	22,123	13,891	2,811	2,271	1,435	46,676	5,196	4,209	80,385	29,590	19,535	25,169
1960-61	25,802	20,201	12,461	3,131	2,722	1,705	40,866	5,044	4,183	69,799	27,967	18,349	27,060
1960 - April	2,533	1,899	1,210	293	156	96	3,245	397	334	6,071	2,452	1,640	23,687
May	2,708	1,969	1,238	262	161	101	4,569	553	463	7,539	2,683	1,802	24,430
June	2,641	2,111	1,357	195	125	82	4,320	537	449	7,156	2,773	1,888	25,169
July	2,368	1,794	1,124	188	137	89	4,105	468	388	6,661	2,399	1,601	25,852
August	2,588	1,914	1,200	178	126	87	3,835	539	457	6,601	2,579	1,744	26,397
September	2,670	1,962	1,269	289	228	151	3,775	465	385	6,734	2,655	1,805	26,602
October	2,661	2,126	1,341	487	571	367	3,759	470	382	6,907	3,167	2,090	27,316
November	2,754	2,235	1,419	465	494	322	3,680	485	396	6,899	3,214	2,137	28,438
December	1,766	1,403	867	215	191	117	4,094	509	428	6,075	2,103	1,412	29,161
1961 - January	1,846	1,406	891	104	73	43	3,438	406	332	5,388	1,885	1,266	29,388
February	1,628	1,232	754	193	232	135	2,947	354	289	4,768	1,818	1,178	27,688
March	1,966	1,675	953	254	207	125	2,686	338	276	4,906	2,220	1,354	27,526
April	1,810	1,469	868	276	171	103	2,372	284	236	4,458	1,924	1,207	27,066
May	1,951	1,651	972	255	143	71	2,699	312	259	4,905	2,106	1,302	27,052
June	1,794	1,334	803	227	149	95	3,476	414	355	5,497	1,897	1,253	27,060
July					Not yet available								(f)26,782
August					do.								(f)26,772
September					do.								(f)26,877
October					do.								(f)27,448
November					do.								(f)28,195
December					do.								(f)28,627
1962 - January					do.								(f)28,474
February					do.								(f)27,245

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary.

RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(\$ million)

Period (a)	Grocer- ies	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.2	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.9	49.8
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.9
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	55.3
1959-60	30.8	11.6	21.7	19.1	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.8	7.7	6.0	4.9	22.6	182.2	66.7
1960-61	*32.6	*12.4	*22.6	20.6	27.7	5.0	12.4	*15.5	7.8	6.7	5.0	*23.5	*191.8	*68.7
Sept. Qr.														
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.7
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.1
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.8
1960	*7.7	3.0	5.3	4.4	6.7	1.2	3.0	3.9	2.1	1.6	1.1	4.9	*44.9	18.3
1961	8.6	*3.2	5.5	*4.5	7.2	1.2	3.1	*3.5	2.0	1.7	1.2	4.8	*46.5	*16.3
Dec. Qr.														
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.9
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.1	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.3	17.1
1960	*8.6	3.1	5.9	5.8	8.0	1.4	3.6	4.2	2.3	1.8	1.4	5.8	*51.9	*18.7
1961	9.4	3.3	6.1	5.9	8.1	1.4	3.6	4.1	2.3	1.9	1.5	6.1	53.7	18.5
March Qr.														
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.2
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.9
1960	7.5	2.8	5.8	5.2	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.6	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.7	16.9
1961	*8.0	3.1	*6.1	5.9	5.7	1.1	2.9	3.6	1.6	1.6	1.3	*6.6	*47.5	*15.7
June Qr.														
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.1
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.2
1960	7.8	3.0	5.4	4.5	7.3	1.3	3.0	4.1	2.0	1.6	1.1	6.3	47.4	17.9
1961	*8.3	*3.2	5.3	4.5	7.3	1.3	2.9	*3.8	1.8	1.7	1.2	6.2	*47.5	*16.0

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. * Revised.

COMMODITIES PRODUCED

Item	Unit	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1962	1961	1962	1961
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	301	490	3,097	3,491
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	8,396	8,796	63,531	71,037
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yds.	130	121	886	1,016
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,161	2,018	16,576	18,620
Ready-Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	33,632	31,183	256,672	256,780
Tiles Roofing - Cement	'000	309	377	2,281	2,892
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup. ft.	16,149	15,008	130,528	127,580
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	868	1,006	5,461	7,929
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	724	1,295	5,289	7,366
Shirts (all types) - Men's and Boys'	"	4,738	4,659	35,829	38,431
Suits - Men's - 2 & 3 piece	number	987	1,481	11,759	12,730
Trousers - Men's - Sport - Work	"	9,242	7,569	66,508	57,601
	"	11,057	16,260	87,382	108,058
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	42,199	43,569	439,074	431,992
Slippers	"	10,187	13,799	73,601	83,666
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	729	646	4,329	3,925
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	48,859	40,856	247,476	200,038
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	525	495	5,085	4,798
Butter	"	342	335	14,262	13,763
Cheese	"	47	88	2,600	2,328
Flour (excl. Self-raising Flour)	ton				
	(2,000 lb.)	13,283	11,921	104,306	125,928
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	ton	18	34	183	242
Sulphuric	"	26,121	22,043	142,656	145,180
Coal	"	77,252	40,278	615,323	514,145
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh	90,887	80,862	735,568	688,450
Gas (Town) Produced	million				
Mattresses - Soft Filled(c)	cub. ft.	92	95	936	963
Pig Iron	number	2,700	2,884	17,688	21,180
Superphosphate	ton	3,851	4,051	34,052	35,147
Wool - Scoured	"	72,051	59,795	390,337	392,508
	'000 lb.	2,704	3,035	21,752	20,417

(a) Standard size.

(b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(c) Includes mattresses of rubber, plastic foam and sponge, but excludes inner-spring mattresses.

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8th May, 1962.